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The fifty fourth Congress is again in session. Both Houses met promptly at noon on Monday, and appointed committees to wait upon the President and inform him that Congress was ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make. The message was promptly submitted and is a lengthy document—too lengthy to have a place in our columns, if our readers wanted us to publish it, or if there was much in it to commend it to them—the merits of which, at least, we fall to see. It will make but very little impression upon the honorable body to which it has been submitted, because very few of the democratic members of that body are in sympathy with the President, and because the republican members, now that he has served them as they desired, have no further use for him or his opinions—and it cannot, of course, be received with much favor by the great body of the democratic people, who have long since ceased to regard him as their President or to care much for his views on any subject. Whatever of merit there might be in the message, most democrats would fail to see it, if for no other reason, because as a republican Senator says, "it is the first time in our history than an executive who is the representative of a defeated party ever glorified, as Mr. Cleveland does in the first paragraph of his message, over the success at the polls of his party's opponents."

Important subjects, of course, are treated by the President in the message, but about the only one that suggests, that it emanated from a democratic President, is the reference to trusts and monopolies, and his views on these matters cannot strike the average democrat with much force, since no step has been taken by any official of the government since he has been President to break up or control the trusts, or to see that the laws relating to them are enforced.

Other matters treated by the President will attract attention, but not altogether, perhaps, of a complimentary character. For instance, his views on the financial condition of the country is not likely to be accepted with much favor, since under his administration nearly three hundred millions of dollars has been added to our national obligations, and he recommends nothing better to the country than to go still deeper in debt.

The attitude of the President towards Cuba is one of interest, and in accord, it is believed, with the views of Consul General Lee. He thus expresses himself on the subject: "It would seem that if Spain should offer to Cuba genuine autonomy—a measure of home rule which, while preserving the sovereignty of Spain, would satisfy all national requirements of her Spanish subjects—there should be no just reason why the pacification of the island might not be effected on that basis."

Neither party can fail to see the importance of early action and both must realize that to prolong the present state of things for even a short period will add enormously to the time and labor and expenditure necessary to bring about the industrial recuperation of the island. It is therefore fervently hoped that all grounds that earnest efforts for healing the breach between Spain and the insurgent Cubans upon the lines above indicated may be at once inaugurated and pushed to an immediate and successful issue. The friendly offices of the United States, either in the manner above outlined, or in any other way consistent with our constitution and laws will always be at the disposal of either party.

The message, while it contains some good recommendations, taken as a whole, is below the average and a disappointment.

The Board of State Canvassers will award the certificate of election of Congress from the Tenth district to Mr. Yost, republican. An order from the Supreme Court of Virginia, in reference to the vote at a precinct in Buckingham county, indicates very clearly that the Board will have to reverse their decision, giving the certificate to Mr. Flood, which he declined very properly to accept. Mr. Flood was probably beaten by fraudulent means, but he could not afford to correct the wrong which had been done him by accepting a certificate based on a technicality.

The republicans have decided, it is now stated, to make contests in but three Congressional districts in Virginia—second, fourth and fifth. The opponent of Mr. Jones and his friends seem to have concluded, that a republican House could not afford to so glaringly ignore the will of the people as they desired it to do, and Mr. Jones will be permitted to hold his seat unmolested by them.

The Sound-Money League of Virginia, which co-operated with the bolters in the last campaign, are sending out circulars all over the State. This paper suggests the policy of the republicans combining with the honest money men to capture Virginia in the State contest next year. Among some of those to whom this circular has been sent are well-known republicans.

Hon. John Sherman predicts the enactment of a tariff bill so steep that it will not only pay the running expenses of the government, but wipe out the national debt by the close of the McKinley Administration.

First Rules for Methodists.

An Original Copy of a Valuable Printed Work is Found in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., December 7.—An original copy of the first printed "Rules for the Society of the People called Methodists" was found to day in this city. It was published by John and Charles Wesley over their own signatures in 1743 and contains the nucleus of the literature of the Methodist Church.

The circular is of four pages and is falling to pieces from age and handling. The paper is yellow and the print is unreadable in places from the stains of time. The first paragraph is as follows:

"In the latter end of year 1739 eight or ten persons came to London, who appeared to be deeply convicted of sin and earnestly groaning for redemption. They desired to join with them the next day that I would spend some time with them in prayer, and advise them how to flee from the wrath to come, which they saw continually hanging over their heads. That we might have more time for this great and other duty, I appointed a day when they might all come together, which from thenceforward they did every week, viz: On Thursday, in the evening. To these and as many as desired to join with them for their number increased daily I gave those advice from time to time which I judged most useful for them, and we always concluded our meetings with prayer suitable to their several necessities."

"2. This was the rise of the United Society. First in London and then in other places. Such a society is none other than a company of men having the form and seeking the power of godliness; united in order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another in love that they may help each other to work out their salvation."

"3. That it may be more easily discerned whether they are indeed working out their own salvation each society is divided into smaller companies, called classes, according to their respective places of abode. There are about twelve persons in every class, one of whom is styled the leader."

The rules for the use of these leaders are then set forth, together with a list of the occasions of temptation that beset mankind. Prominent among the latter is "drunkenness, buying or selling spirituous liquors or drinking them, unless in cases of extreme necessity." The exhortation warns the members of the society against "doing what we know is not for the glory of God—as the putting on of gold or costly apparel; the slinging of those songs or readings of those books that do not tend to the knowledge or love of God; softness and needless self indulgence; laying up treasures on earth; borrowing without a probability of paying."

Although most of the pronouns in the document are in the first person singular, it is signed "J. and C. Wesley," the date is May 1, 1743, and at the bottom is the imprint, "Printed by T. Cordeaux, 14 City Road, London."

It was just about this date that "Society of People Called Methodists" obtained possession of their first house of worship. It was an old cannon foundry, near the present site of Finsbury Square, in London, and the Wesleys lived in an old house in the rear of it. They conducted a sort of a religious book store in one of the rooms of the foundry. The church was always known as "The Foundry" and was never more pretentious than a bare walled, comfortable room, with rough wooden benches, upon which sat the congregation in separate groups of men and women.

General News.

It is understood that Gen. Fitzhugh Lee will shortly commence the work of writing a biography of Gen. Stone wall Jackson.

Samuel Jones, a white citizen of Richmond county, died at his home near Warsaw last week with hydrophobia from a dog bite inflicted on election day. Several mad dogs are at present at large in that county, and there is a great deal of excitement.

At the session of the Grand Lodge of Masons, in Richmond, Major J. E. Courtney, of Richmond, was chosen grand master to succeed Col. J. P. Fitzgerald. Judge R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville, was promoted from the office of senior warden to that of deputy grand master. Mr. George Wright, of Marion, was promoted from the office of junior warden to senior warden. H. O. Kerns, of Halifax, who has been serving as senior deacon, was made junior warden. Dr. George W. Carrington was re-elected grand secretary, and Col. Frederick Pleasant was retained as grand treasurer. Mr. Edward Eubank, of Newport News, was promoted from the office of junior deacon to senior deacon. Mr. Thomas N. Davis, of Lynchburg, was chosen junior deacon.

TESTIMONIALS.

From Citizens of Pennsylvania who Have Been Cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mr. W. W. Spillen, drug clerk, with J. W. McConnell, Parnassus, Pa., says: "I was out one night last winter and contracted a severe cold. I was so hoarse for a week I could hardly speak. Knowing how well customers of our store spoke of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, I concluded to try it. One-half of a bottle cured me entirely."

J. A. Van Valzah, Hughesville, Pa., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has proven so valuable that I do not hesitate to recommend it to anyone."

Dr. F. Winger, Ephrata, Pa., says: "Mr. J. D. Kline, a cigar maker of this place, reports a complete cure of his cough with a 50 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy after he had tried others which had failed." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Blackstone & Bell, Accomac C. H., Va., and W. H. Parker, Onancock, Va.

An Old Couple.

Mr. William Turner, of Pierce county, Ga., will be one hundred and one year old on January 6th next and his wife will be ninety-nine on April 13th. They were married when they were, respectively, nineteen and seventeen years of age. Twelve children, nine of whom are living and have families, were born to them. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have 327 grandchildren, 159 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, making a total of 500 persons. The population of Pierce county fully one-fourth of them are related to this family between the first and fourth generations.

Consul Lee Off to Cuba.

Washington, December 8.—Consul Lee left Washington for New York last night, whence he will sail for Cuba. Before leaving here he had a final conference with the President. The date of his departure is not known, but it is understood that he will take the first available steamer.

Real Estate at Public Auction.

John H. Wise, trustee, in deed from Thorogood B. Mason and wife for the benefit of John E. Wise and James A. Hall, commissioners appointed by the County School Board of Accomac, will sell to the highest bidder, at the store of Jos. B. Riggs, Guilford, on Saturday, December 13th, 2 p. m., the real estate conveyed by said deed known as the "Burch Lot," and containing three acres, more or less. For full particulars see posters.

Otho F. Mears, special commissioner, will sell at public auction, on Saturday, December 13th inst., two parcels of lands of which Rupert T. Christian died seized and possessed, viz: one situated at Harborton, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 m., containing one fourth of an acre; the other situated at Wachapreague, between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m., containing one-third of an acre—both free of widow's dower. For full particulars see posters.

James H. Fletcher, Jr., special commissioner, in the suit of Richard Mason vs. Mary E. Mason and others, will sell at public auction, on Saturday, December 20th, 2 p. m., at Bloxom Station, a certain tract of land, situated near Winterville on the James River, deceased, resided at the time of his death, containing 67 acres, more or less. For further particulars see posters.

Game Law—Reward for Violations of Same.

An Act to prevent the extermination of partridges (or quail) in the State of Virginia, approved January 27, 1896.

1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of Virginia, That it shall be unlawful for any person to kill or capture any partridge (or quail) in the State of Virginia for the purpose of two years, or to offer for sale or buy any partridges (or quail) so unlawfully killed or captured in said State within the aforesaid period.

2. Any person violating this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined ten dollars, for each offence and imprisoned in jail until the fine be paid, but not exceeding thirty days.

Resolutions of Respect.

These resolutions were adopted by the Woman's Missionary Society of Oak Grove Church at its regular meeting, December 5, 1896.

Whereas, Mrs. George G. Quinby, secretary of the M. S. Society of the Eastern Shore district, has been called from earth to heaven; therefore, be it resolved,

1. That we have heard with sincere sorrow of sister Quinby's death, which though sudden was not unexpected, as her health had been declining for some time.

2. That the W. M. Society has lost an earnest worker and a true friend, the district an efficient, consecrated secretary, the Methodist Church a deeply pious Christian woman.

3. That we extend our sympathy to the family, praying that the God whom she loved and served may comfort the sorrowing hearts.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the county papers and the "Richmond Christian Advocate" for publication.

Obituary.

Mrs. Manie Shreve, wife of Wm. B. Shreve, died at her home, near Crowstons, Saturday, November 14th, aged 82 years. She was an affectionate wife, good neighbor and highly esteemed in the community in which she lived. She leaves a husband and father and many other relatives and friends to mourn their loss—but they do not sorrow as those who have no hope, for their loss is her eternal gain.

ONE WHO LOVED HER.

We have purchased the stock of goods of Wm. H. Parker, trustee for Ray Glick, and have appointed M. C. Glick as our agent.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

PUBLIC AUCTION—We will sell to the highest bidder, at our residence at Dunkirk, on Tuesday, 22d day of December, 1896, the whole of our personal property, consisting of hogs, pork, horses, carts, one good spring wagon, carriage, farming implements, corn, fodder, cow, household and kitchen furniture—all as good as new. Terms made known on day of sale. J. L. Trower & Bro., Dunkirk, Dec. 9, 1896.

NOTICE—The farm occupied by Alfred B. Esley, near Onley, has been divided, and the half is for rent another year. W. E. Mapp, Only, Va.

Sheep for sale. Apply to Miss J. H. Custis, Accomac C. H., Va.

FOR SALE—Cheap for cash, several good horses. One pair nags excellent match—gentle to all harness. L. W. Groton, Onancock, Va.

NOTICE—Franklin C. Lewis, Hunting Creek, is selling dry goods, notions, groceries, corn, &c., at very low prices—also shingles and cypress lumber. He is agent for the gasoline boat, which leaves his wharf every Wednesday and Saturday for Baltimore, carrying passengers, freight and merchandise both ways at very low rates.

Do you know the quickest way to cure a sprain or bruise, a sore throat? Such injuries are very common and can be cured quickly if properly treated. Mr. J. M. American, of Forks P. O., Columbia Co., Pa., says "I have never found anything to compare with Chamberlain's Pain Balm for sprains, bruises, burns. We have used it in our family for several years and feel that we cannot do without it." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Blackstone & Bell, Accomac C. H., Va., and W. H. Parker, Onancock, Va.

FOR SALE.—Small quantity of peach trees, fine size, budded a year ago last August, of following varieties: Troth's Early, Mountain Rose and St. John. Price \$6 per hundred, \$1 per dozen, 10 cents each. I guarantee all true to name. B. U. Dougherty, Exmore, Va.

DOG FOUND ESTRAY—Owner will please call at Pocomoke City National Bank, prove property and take same away.

NOTICE—I hereby forbid all persons from cutting wood, hauling or hunting with dog or guns on my land. Anyone trespassing on same will be prosecuted to the full extent of law. Samuel F. Marshall, Mearsville, Va.

Mr. T. F. O'Donnell, a well known druggist of Parsons, Pa., in speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy says: "Several times in the last few years when suffering with cramp or diarrhoea, I have made a personal test of the value of this remedy. The effect in each instance was almost immediate relief." For sale by Blackstone & Bell, Accomac C. H., Va., and W. H. Parker, Onancock, Va.

NOTICE—I hereby forbid all persons from cutting wood, hauling over or hunting with gun and dog on my land near Modestown. Anyone trespassing on same in any way whatever will be prosecuted to the full extent of law. Mrs. Susan S. Belote.

NOTICE—All persons are hereby forbidden to gun, hunt, or otherwise trespass on our farm known as Ravenswood, under penalty of a prosecution to the full extent of the law. The Misses Custis.

FOR SALE—My large dwelling-house and lot of one and one-half acres, outbuildings and large storehouse, all situated on Sykes Island. The location of storehouse is the best on the island and a man of push can do business amounting to \$15,000 annually in same. Geo. W. Glenn.

FOR SALE—Boiler and engine of 50 horse power, in good order, cheap. C. S. Witham & Bro., Belinda, Va.

There were three crows perched in a As happy as crows could be: [tree, But the happiest of the lot d'ye see, Davis' Old Crow—Tobacco.

Both old and young its praises sing, And joyously their dimes and nickles To buy Old Crow—Tobacco. [bring, Come chivers then and join the band, And with the happy chivers stand, That over this broad land of Old Crow will be chewed Old Crow Tobacco.

There was a drummer had who walked the ice, But ere he takes another trip so nice, Will have upon his banner this: Chew Old Crow Tobacco. [device;

NOTICE—I forbid all persons from hunting on my land with gun or dog either in my woods or on my farm. Anyone caught will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. I. W. Bagwell.

FOR SALE—Two cows, fresh to the pail. B. T. Gunter, Accomac C. H., Va.

LOOK! LOOK!

We have just moved in our new store at Parkley, where you will find us with a full line of

Dress Goods, Ready-Made Clothing, Shoes, Notions, Furniture, Groceries, &c. &c. &c.,

at prices never heard of before. Our stock of old goods moved from Leemont will be closed out below cost to make room for new goods.

We also have a full line of

Christmas Goods

at prices to suit the times.

D. H. Johnson & Son, Leemont.

LOOK TO YOUR OWN INTEREST

And buy your building material from us, as we guarantee prices to suit the times. We have in stock

Brackets, Binds Bricks, Lime, Mouldings, Mantles, Laths, Doors Sash, Shingles,

And all kinds of Building Material.

Goods shipped to all points of the Eastern Shore, when requested.

S. K. MARTIN & Co., Harborton, Va.

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8 E. Camden St., Baltimore

Sweet Potatoes a Specialty. Fruits, Vegetables and Produce

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No drummers employed.

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Keeps on hand a full line of

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of all grades and sizes. Also a full line of HEART PINE COFFINS, all furnished at the very lowest figures. He will meet all trains and boats at short notice.



Buy your Xmas Presents from the store that has the crisp, snappy bargains for wide-awake buyers.

Santa Claus Recommends us to the Public.

—My Holiday assortment is replete with all the novelties that go to make a first-class stock in the line of

Watches, Watches,

Clocks, Clocks,

and everything pertaining to the Jewelry trade. Selected expressly for you, and each article marked at a price you can afford to pay. Letters and figures cannot tell half the bargains here. A cloudburst of BEAUTY, RADIANT with good VALUES and SPARKLING with LOW PRICES awaits your inspection.

JOHN W. DUNCAN, JEWELER,

Onancock, Va.

Holiday Goods.

Mrs. W. F. Hudson desires to call the attention of the public to a beautiful collection of holiday goods she is offering for sale at her store in Wachapreague. In addition to a varied assortment of Fancy Articles suitable for Xmas gifts to old and young, she has on hand a large number of fine singing

CANARY BIRDS which she offers at very reasonable prices. Young men with best girls are invited to take notice

WM. S. RICHARDSON, Manufacturer of ICE CREAM, MARION STATION, MD.

Anyone interested in the purchase of Ice Cream will find it to their interest to write me before buying elsewhere. My aim is best goods and will compete in price with other manufacturers. Send me your order.

Parties living on the border of Pocomoke sound can, if they prefer it that way, get their cream by boat. I will deliver it at my oyster house for them.

R. L. Perkins Salesman & Jeweler, W. S. Bly

—Wholesale—

COMMISSION MERCHANT.

—Dealer in—

Fish, Oysters, Clams, and Country Produce.

Irish & Sweet Potatoes specialties.

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J. H. Bonnell, Agent, MAPPSBURG, VA.

H. F. Kilmon, Agent, Rue's Wharf

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Early Fruits, Vegetables, Terrapins, Wild Fowl, Eggs, Poultry, and all kinds of

Country Produce

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—Baltimore—

Shipping Letter, "D."

T. H. KEPNER & CO.

Produce

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South St., and Bowly's wharf.

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Sweet Potatoes a specialty. Shipping Letter B

B. L. PAYNE, Harness-Maker

—AND CARRIAGE PAINTER,—BLOXOM STATION, VA.

Harness made to order and kept in stock. Carriages repaired and painted. First-class work at very low prices. Full line of horse blankets constantly on hand.



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Repaired on Short Notice.

I Have For Sale

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Spectacles, Eye Glasses, and Silverware

in many styles and at lowest prices.

Wm. Sartorius, Pocomoke City, Md.

Will be at Accomac C. H., every court day.

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Christmas Goods

Of J. ADELSTEIN, Onancock, Va.

Practical Watchmaker & Jeweler.

We have just received a large line of all the latest style goods, including Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Spectacles and Silverware of all kinds. We have reduced our prices very low, to suit the times. Special attention paid to repair work on fine Watches, Clocks, Spectacles and Jewelry of all kinds at greatly reduced prices. All work warranted to be first-class. Highest prices paid for old gold and silver.

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All trains met and passengers conveyed to any part of Peninsula at fair rates and with comfort and dispatch.

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Dealer in DRUGS, CHEMICALS, TOILET AND FANCY ARTICLES,

Fine Soaps, Perfumes, Patent Medicines, Combs, Brush—of all kinds, Flavoring Extracts, Syringes, Face Powders, Sponges, &c.

—AT LOWEST PRICES.—Prescriptions carefully compounded day or night.

An Impression

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What to get. . . .

No need to perplex your head about that—let us solve the difficulty. Our store contains a thousand suggestions in

